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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 10-13, and 18-32 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 10-13, and 18-32 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 4,381,628 to Dicke in view of US Patent 4,779,385 to Reiter.

Claims 1-5, 10-13, and 18-32 have been cancelled.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-9, and 15-17 are allowable. The Examiner has objected to Claim 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims.

III. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claims 6-9 and 14-17 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

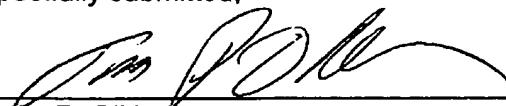
Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner

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is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,



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